Baggage handling system

171. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that baggage-handling system is much better managed by the private airlines than Air India in the domestic sectors; and

(b) what is the percentage of damaged misplaced/lost baggage every day and how does it compare with the International standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The percentage of damaged, misplaced/lost baggage in respect of erstwhile air India and Indian Airlines is 0.002% and 0.001% respectively, which compares favourably with international standards.

Development of Airport

172. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre needs around Rupees 36,000 crores for development of its airports in the country;

(b) whether it is proposed to involve private sector in this gigantic project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what is the status of developing green-field airports in the country; and

(e) the details of such green-field airports proposed to be developed in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The anticipated investment in airport development during the 11th plan is over Rs. 40,000/- crores both from public and private resources.

(d) 'In-principle' approval have been given for international airports at Mopa (Goa) and Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra). New green-field airports at Hyderabad and Bangalore are expected to become operational in March, 2008.

New green-field airports have been proposed by the concerned State Governments at Jewar near Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Kannur (Kerala), Pakyong (Sikkim), Chiethu near Kohima (Nagaland), Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh), and Chakan (Rajgurunagar) near Pune (Maharashtra).

(e) There is no proposal for setting up any green-field airport in Orissa.

Reduced air-fare in Gulf region

173. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to permit Jet Airlines to operate in Gulf region with reduced fare;